

**COMMISSIONERS GENERAL SESSION  
September 17, 2018**

**Present at the meeting were  
Commissioners:**

Brenda K. Benner-Chairman  
Paul L. Rudy Jr.-Vice-Chairman  
Stephen C. Naylor- Secretary  
William R. Bunt- Solicitor  
Kathy Burkholder- Chief Clerk

**Present from the Press:** Jim Ryan

**Present from the Public:** Brenda Albright, Karen Anderson, Harva Owings-Baughman, Nate Beaston, Miriam Briscoe, Donna Buckley, Frank Campbell, Mary Colledge, Jason Finnerty, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Rich Fultz, Steve Hile, Michelle Jones, Sarah Keller, Dave Magee, Ann Miller, Harva Owings Baughman, Rich Pluta, Larry Reisinger, Robert Ressler, Larry Reisinger, Martha Roberts, Deb Shrawder, Marty Smith, Michelle Thebes, Morgan Tressler, Wendy Welfley, Melanie Wertz

Commissioner Benner opened the meeting at 10:00 AM on September 17, 2018 with the Pledge to the Flag and a moment of silence. The meeting was recorded.

**Public Comment:** Melanie Wertz asked questions regarding the Keystone Opportunity Zone Resolution that was on the agenda for the meeting. Karen Anderson asked if Newport School District has voted on the matter and the answer was they approved it. Frank Campbell, Kevin Fitzpatrick and Larry Reisinger showed support of the Keystone Opportunity Zone which would be located in Howe Township. Commissioner Naylor was opposed to passing the Resolution and doesn't like having to pass shortfalls along to County taxpayers. Commissioner Naylor noted there currently is no infrastructure (water and sewer) available and the County cannot compare to Juniata County where this was done. Chief Assessor, Randy Waggoner stated that taxes will remain on the roles and a total abatement will be on the land assessment as well. This is an annual approval process. Dave Magee asked the question what happens if the business leaves before the 10 years are up.

**Approval of Minutes:** Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Warrant List:** Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the warrant list for the week of September 17, 2018 in the amount of \$170,528.87. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to appoint Annie Strite, Cumberland-Perry Mh/IDD Administrator to serve as the Mental Health representative on the Capital Area Behavioral Health Collaborative. Ms. Strite is replacing Silvia Herman. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to approve the 2018 State Homeland and Security Grant Agreement. This is an annual grant that the South-Central Task Force applies for and the funding is used for supporting the planning, training, preparedness and response needs to address acts of terrorism and other catastrophic events. The task force is made up of Adams, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Perry and York counties and the amount of the award is \$1,641,757.00. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to continue the services with Mission Critical Partners, LLC to provide 911 Emergency Communications Professional Consulting Services for a 2-year period, not to exceed \$20,000. This contract is billed for services and the consulting fees are Act 12 funded. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the Johnson Controls contract in the amount of \$14,123.00 for the fire alarm panel replacement at the Perry County Prison. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to adopt Resolution 2018-7 authorizing Real Estate Property, Earned Income Tax, Net Profits, Mercantile and Business Privilege Taxes within a specified geographic area in Howe Township exempting abatements or credits from all local taxes until December 31, 2028, designated as a proposed Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone in order to foster economic opportunities. Commissioner Benner seconded the motion. Commissioner Naylor opposed. Motion carried.

Based on the recommendation of the Cumberland /Perry Mh-IDD Board, Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the 2018-2019 Provider Service Agreements for Mental Health Services.

Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Geisinger Holy Spirit Mh118-0001 Decrease 17/18 Rate \$267,226. 18/19 Rate \$124,300.

NHS Stevens Center MH118-0079 Decrease 17/18 Rate \$1,806,318 18-/19 Rate \$1,789,464.

Commissioner Rudy made a motion to approve the documents for the 2018 Competitive Block Grant for Howe Township Municipal Authority for a Citizen Participation Report, Disclosure Report, Four Factor Analysis and a Statement of Assurance. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Employee Status:** Commissioner Rudy made a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Shayanne Ward, p/t dispatcher effective September 11, 2018. Commissioner Naylor seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to accept the letter of resignation for Jill Quigley, county auditor effective September 17, 2018. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

**Solicitors Report:** Nothing that required Action.

**Public Comment:** Melanie Wertz thanked Frank Campbell for the information regarding the KOZ.

Karen Anderson asked when budget meetings will begin. The answer was October and will be advertised.

Commissioner Naylor made a motion to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Commissioner Rudy seconded the motion. All agreed. Motion carried.

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Kathy Burkholder, Chief Clerk

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Stephen C. Naylor, Secretary